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Community Calendar

Romulus Friends of the Library will host Silent Auction

The Friends of the Romulus Public Library will host the annual Silent Auction, from 5 until 7 p.m. Saturday, May 31. Available for bidding will be items donated by community leaders, businesses and members of the friends.

Annual Flower Sale set

The Northville Flower Sale returns to downtown Northville from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. tomorrow and Saturday. Visitors will walk through a huge display of perennials, herbs, annuals, roses, shrubs, exotic plants, and trees from local growers for sale during the annual event.

Canton Farmers Market now open each Sunday

The Canton Farmers Market returns to Cherry Hill Village for another season of open-air shopping from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. Sundays, through Oct. 12.

The market season will initially open at the Village Arts Factory, 50755 Cherry Hill Road, and will relocate in July back to the regular location in Preservation Park, 500 N. Ridge Road, for the remainder of the season.
No markets will take place May 25, June 15, July 6, Aug. 31, and Sept.

Tours of Plymouth Wilcox House available

The Plymouth Historic Museum will host a guided tour of the historic Wilcox House, known as the Markham House, June 1. The tour will be guided by Frank Cozza, who will portray William "Phil" Markham who built the house for his mistress Blanche Shortman. Samantha Joseph will portray Shortman during the tours set for 1, 2, 3 and 4 p.m. Tickets are priced at $20 and sold for the individual time slots. The tours last about one hour.

Tickets for the tour are priced at $20 and are now on sale to the public. Organizers cautioned that the event is expected to sell out quickly. The tour is sponsored by Ernie Hughes and First Financial Strategies.

The Wilcox House is located at 676 Penniman Ave, Plymouth in downtown Plymouth. Tickets are available at Plymouth Historical Museum, 155 S. Main St., Plymouth, MI 48170.

For more information, call (734) 455-8940 or email secretary@plymouthhistory.org

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A day to remember

Memorial Day dedicated to honor American service workers

The three-day weekend many will enjoy with cookouts and picnics is much more significant than the unofficial beginning of summer across the country.

Next Monday is Memorial Day, observed on the last Monday of May each year, a holiday designated as a special time for Americans to honor and remember men and women who served and sacrificed in the United States Armed Forces. Memorial Day holds deep significance for the nation as a time to honor and remember the sacrifices made by military personnel. It serves as a reminder of the cost of freedom and the bravery of those who fought to protect it. The day is traditionally marked by ceremonies, parades, and various forms of tribute, including the laying of wreaths at the graves of servicemen and women and the playing of taps.

Banks and municipal offices will be closed, and there will be no mail delivery Monday which is a federal holiday.

In 2000, Congress enacted the National Moment of Remembrance Act, which encourages all Americans to pause for a moment of silence at 3 p.m. local time on Memorial Day. This moment serves as a unified expression of gratitude and respect for those who have given their lives in service to the country.

Memorial Day, originally known as Decoration Day, has roots in the aftermath of the American Civil War. The war, which lasted from 1861 to 1865, resulted in the loss of approximately 620,000 soldiers' lives. In response to this massive loss, local communities began holding tributes to the fallen soldiers, decorating their graves with flowers and flags.

The first national observance of Decoration Day took place on May 30, 1868, at Arlington National Cemetery. The date was chosen because it was not the anniversary of any particular battle, allowing it to be a day of remembrance for all who had died in the war.

Over time, the observance of Decoration Day expanded to honor all American military personnel who had died in all wars. In 1967, the holiday officially became known as Memorial Day. Then, in 1968, the Uniform Monday Holiday Act was approved, which moved Memorial Day from May 30 to the last Monday in May, creating a three-day weekend for federal employees. The change went into effect in 1971.

Memorial Day 2025 will be observed with various celebrations and traditions across the country including the National Memorial Day Concert which takes place annually on the Sunday before Memorial Day. It is a televised event that takes place on the West Lawn of the U.S. Capitol.

Many cities and towns across the United States plan Memorial Day parades.

WAYNE WESTLAND

In Westland, a parade is set to begin at 1 p.m. Sunday, May 25. The parade will begin at John Glenn High School and end at the Veteran's Memorial Garden where a memorial ceremony will take place.

BELLEVILLE

In Belleville a memorial parade will begin at 10 a.m. at the Belleville High School parking lot and continue down Main Street. A ceremony by VFW Post 4434 and PLAV Post 167 is planned for 11 a.m.

PLYMOUTH

In Plymouth, the Memorial Day parade will begin at 9 a.m. May 26 at Wing Street and travel down Main Street to the Veterans Memorial Park where a commemorative ceremony will take place.

NORTHVILLE

In Northville, the parade will begin at 10 a.m. May 26 at Griswold and Main streets and travel to Rural Hill Cemetery where a ceremony honoring service men and women is planned.

Annual Canton Liberty Run set for June 12

For the 12th year, the anticipated Liberty Run will be part of the Canton Liberty Fest. The race, marked with colorful red, white and blue patriotic costumes will feature 5K, 10K, and one Mile races, on Saturday, June 14.

All race events will start at the clock tower corner of Veterans Way and Civic Center Boulevard, located at 1180 S. Canton Center Road. Race distances include a 5K to begin at 8 a.m.; a 10K to begin at 8:30 a.m. and a One Mile Fun Run to begin at 10 a.m. The event is organized in partnership with RF Events.

Liberty Run entry includes a finisher's medal for all distances. Participants are encouraged to wear red, white, and blue running garb for a chance to win the most patriotic outfit award. Race organizers will be collecting food this year for Open Door Ministries, a local food pantry located in Canton. In addition, a portion of all entry fees will help fund recreation and trail improvements in the township.

After looping through neighborhood streets and the Lower Rouge Trail, participants are encouraged to refuel after the race at the Canton Lions Club 28th Annual Pancake Breakfast, which will take place in the Heritage Park North Pavilions from 7 – 11 a.m., while supplies last.

Canton Liberty Fest will take place June 12-14, featuring a full spectrum of carnival rides, midway games and special attractions for all ages. For additional information about Canton's 32nd annual Liberty Fest, visit www.cantonlibertyfest.com or call (734) 394-5360. Discount amusement ride tickets are now available for purchase.

To register or for more information about the Canton Liberty Run, visit www.cantonlibertyrun.com.

Previous Canton Liberty Run participants show off their costumes and awards. Photos courtesy of Canton Township.

Housing project near Cherry Hill Village OK'd by planning commission

The second request for approval of a Planned Development District (PDD) near Cherry Hill Village was approved by members of the Canton Township Planning Commission at the May 5 meeting.

The project, called Harvest Creek, was first presented for approval last November but met with concerns regarding traffic patterns. The developer, listed as 1205 Ridge LLC in documents presented to the commissioners, proposed the construction of 18 single-family homes for a 7-acre site on property on the east side of Ridge Road between Paine Street and Proctor Road.

Concerns regarding the project including Ridge Road access, drainage and impact on neighboring property prompted the postponement of the proposal in November. Commissioners requested a traffic study during that initial submission of the plan. That study, conducted by engineering consultant Fishbeck, determined that despite Wayne County requirements for Ridge Road access, no left or right turn lane was necessary. The proposed homes are on the north half of the acreage with one entrance off South Ridge Road.

Commissioner Doug Webert said his experience using Ridge Road in that area was counter to the study conclusion. He said he felt a passing lane for the area was necessary. He did, however, vote to approve the plan with fellow Commissioner Gordon Janowski casting the lone no vote.

At the meeting, developers presented several changes to the plan with a reduction of some lot widths to 41 feet prompting Jankowski's vote against approval of the PDD request.

Jankowski said the density of the lots was not in keeping with Canton Township where lots are typically 55 feet wide. He said he felt the proposed development plan was "cramped" before he voted against the project.

As presented, the homes would be about 2,500 square feet, with three bedrooms, two-and-a-half baths, a two-car garage, basement, and a covered front porch and include 41 percent of open space in the development. The homes would be priced at about $450,000, according to documents submitted for approval.

The plan will now be presented to the members of the Canton Township Board of Trustees for consideration.

Sheetz wins national award for innovation, new products

The grand opening of the very first Sheetz facility in Michigan last year was celebrated by standing room only crowds welcoming the Wick Road convenience store as a needed addition to the Romulus community. In response to that welcome from both the enthusiastic public and helpful city officials, a second Sheetz location in Romulus is now under construction on Smith Road in the city and the company recently announced plans for new locations in the townships of Van Buren, Orion and Shelby townships. Another location is under construction in Chesterfield Township.

"Sheetz is proud to deepen our investment in Southeast Michigan with these new store locations, and we remain committed to being a great neighbor in every community we serve," said Travis Sheetz, president and CEO. "The overwhelming support we've received from communities, local leaders, and residents reinforces what makes the Detroit region so special. As we continue to grow, our focus remains on creating great jobs, supporting local organizations, and delivering the Sheetz experience that customers know and love."

In a recent letter to the Detroit News, Romulus Mayor Robert McCraight praised Sheetz for the impact on both residents and other businesses in his city.

"Over the last 20 years, I've seen plenty of companies come into communities with big promises only to fall short on follow-through," he said in his letter, "and Sheetz has absolutely earned it.

"Romulus has invested years of hard work into becoming a hub for innovation and forward-thinking growth — where economic development goes hand-in-hand with strong community values. Today, I'm proud to say that Sheetz has helped redefine what's possible here. We call it the "Sheetz Effect," a ripple of positive impact that's energized nearly every part of our local economy," McCraight wrote.

Sheetz remains on track to open 50-60 locations in southeast Michigan over the next five to six years with the start of construction on several locations beginning later this year and into 2026, according to a prepared statement from the company.

Earlier this month, Sheetz was been named to the annual list of "America's Most Innovative Companies" by Fortune and Statista. Sheetz was honored as a leader in retail and convenience innovation and was recognized for relentless drive to stay ahead of the curve in delivering new ideas, products and initiatives to customers. Sheetz is the only convenience chain included on the list this year.

Soaring

A Court of Honor ceremony took place last week in Plymouth Township Park celebrating the accomplishments of three Eagle Scouts from local Troop 1537. Colin McHugh, Luke Every and Joe Scannell each achieved the prestigious honor. The Eagle Scout rank is the highest and most prestigious rank attainable in the Scouting program of Scouting America. It's a significant achievement, with only a small percentage of Scouts ever reaching the hard-earned level. To earn the Eagle rank, Scouts must demonstrate Scout spirit, leadership, and service, including completing a substantial community service project and have been a Life Scout for at least six months and earn a minimum of 21 merit badges. Plymouth Township Trustee John Stewart, also an Eagle Scout, was on hand to congratulate the three Scouts. A crowd of more than 85 friends, relatives and supporters was on hand to honor the new Eagles.

Romulus business grants available

The City of Romulus is launching a 'Shine for Summer' initiative City-wide to provide brick and mortar businesses with funding to upgrade their storefront place making.

Grant funds can be used for planters, sandwich boards, outdoor seating, and other vibrancy enhancements. Award amount will be up to $2,500, according to the city website. Projects will be evaluated for contribution to the vibrancy of the city, feasibility, and match contributions by the business owner.

To apply, contact jhobbs@romulusgov.com or call (734-955-4539) for a full application. Applications are also available at City Hall, 11111 Wayne Road in Romulus.

The deadline for application and project quotes is June 1.

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PUBLIC AUCTION

FRAZIER'S AUTO SERVICE TOWING

On Thursday, May 29, 2025, at 1:30 PM, Frazier's Auto Service Towing located at 35830 Van Born Rd, Wayne, MI, County of Wayne, will conduct a public auction of Impounded and Abandoned vehicles. The following vehicles will be offered for sale to the highest bidder.

24-5510	2000	PONTIAC	GRAND AM	1G2NW52E4YC549810
24-6462	2004	CHEVROLET	MALIBU	1G1ZT648334F188316
24-8503	2009	CHEVROLET	MALIBU	1G1ZH57B194194587
24-13255	2019	FORD	FUSION	3FA6P0RU6KR220330
24-21929	2009	CHRYSLER	SEBRING	1C3LC56B99N507560
24-22275	2004	CADILLAC	ESCALADE	1GYEK63N74R239602
24-22376	2010	CHEVROLET	AVEO	KL1TG5DE2AB108659
24-22497	2017	DODGE	CHARGER	2C3CDXCT9HH583907
25-804	2004	LINCOLN	NAVIGATOR	5LMFU28R94LJ29543
25-1418	2015	CHRYSLER	200	1C3CCCABXFN552353
25-1587	2011	MERCURY	MARINER	4M2CN8B78BKJ04664
25-2168	1999	FORD	EXPLORER	1FMDU35P9XZB88600
25-2240	1999	CHEVROLET	SILVERADO	2GCEC19W9X1232735
25-2253	2015	DODGE	JOURNEY	3C4PDCCG7FT516414
25-2807	2008	MERCURY	SABLE	1MEHM42W88G609791
25-3021	2002	CHEVROLET	PRIZM	1Y1SK52882Z419548
25-3072	2010	FORD	ESCAPE	1FMCU9D73AKA45349
25-3622	2007	FORD	EDGE	2FMDK36C47BB24064
25-3676	2008	TOYOTA	SIENNA	5TDBK22C98S014011
25-4026	2020	CHEVROLET	EQUINOX	3GNAXHEV2LS701260
25-4215	2008	URBAN	MOPED	3CG3B7D4063002195
25-4410	2009	CHEVROLET	TRAVERSE	1GNER23D89S129330
25-4734	2009	CHEVROLET	IMPALA	2G1WT57K291226184
25-4864	2014	FORD	FOCUS	1FADP3F29EL217372
25-4988	2005	ACURA	RL	JH4KB16535C007203
25-4992	2008	FORD	TAURUS X	1FMDK02W38GA26023
25-6075	2008	YAMAHA	XVS650	JYAVM01E58A122682
25-6075	2009	HARLEY DAVIDSON	FLHTCU	1HD1FC4109Y682690
25-6265	2009	FORD	ESCAPE	1FMCU03739KC57841

The above vehicles are impounded through the City of Wane Police Department. There is a $100 administrative fee to be paid to the Wayne Police Department per each vehicle sold.

All Vehicles are sold in "as is condition". Bidding on all vehicles will start at the amount due for towing and storage. Vehicles may be deleted from this list at any time prior to the start of the auction. This is a cash only sale and all vehicles must be paid for in full at the conclusion of the auction.

CITY OF ROMULUS
ORDINANCE NO. 2025-004

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF ROMULUS BY REZONING A 0.94 ACRE PARCEL LOCATED AT 28055 VAN BORN ROAD FROM M-1, LIGHT INDUSTRIAL TO M-T, INDUSTRIAL TRANSPORTATION.

THE CITY OF ROMULUS ORDAINS:

Section 1. To rezone a 0.94 acre parcel located at 28055 Van Born Road from M-, Light Industrial to M-T, Industrial Transportation.

ADOPTED, APPROVED, AND PASSED by the City Council of the City of Romulus this ____12th day of May 2025.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the Ordinance as passed by the City Council of the City of Romulus at a regular Council Meeting held in the Romulus City Hall Council Chambers on the 12th day of May 2025.

I further certify that the foregoing was published in the Associated Newspapers, a newspaper of general circulation in the City of Romulus, on the 22nd day of May 2025.

ELLEN L. CRAIG-BRAGG, CMC,
Romulus City Clerk

COMPLETE COPY OF ORDINANCE ON FILE IN THE CITY CLERK'S OFFICE,
11111 WAYNE ROAD, ROMULUS, MI.

Within forty-five (45) days after publication of any ordinance duly passed by the Council, a petition may be presented to the Council protesting against such ordinance continuing in effect. Said petition shall contain the text of such ordinance and shall be signed by not less than six percent (6%) of the registered electors registered at the last preceding election at which a Mayor of the City was elected. Said ordinance shall thereupon and thereby be suspended from operation and the Council shall immediately reconsider such ordinance.

Introduced: 4-28-2025
Adopted: 5-12-2025
Published Effective: 5-22-2025

SUMPTER TOWNSHIP
23480 SUMPTER ROAD, BELLEVILLE, MI 48111
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 22, 2025
6:00 P.M.

1. **Pledge of Allegiance**
2. **Roll Call:** Bowman, LaPorte Fraizer, Honey, Rush, Patterson, Oddy.
3. **Agenda**: Motion by Rush supported by Oddy to approve the agenda. Yes: All in favor. Nay: None.
4. **Presentation**:
   - The MACP awarded Chief Luke and the Sumpter Township Police Department a Certificate of Accreditation.
5. Discussion – Willow Water Main Project Consideration (Hennessy Engineers)
   A. Motion by Oddy supported by Rush to approve the authorization of Hennessey Engineering to proceed with the engineering bid preparation and survey for 7300 linear feet of 12-inch watermain.
   Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion Carried.
6. **Public Comment:** None.
7. **Minutes:**
   A. Motion by Rush supported by Frazier to approve the regular minutes from April 8, 2025 and the closed session minutes from April 8, 2025.
   Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion Carried.
8. Warrants: Motion by Bowman supported by Rush to approve warrants in the amount of $209,890.60
   Roll Call Vote: Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion Carried.
9. Motion by Rush supported by Patterson to accept the Township Manager's Report as read by Burdick. Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion Carried.
10. Motion by Oddy supported by Patterson to receive the Water and Sewer report.
    Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion Carried.
11. Motion by Oddy supported by Patterson to receive the Treasurer's report.
    Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion Carried.
12. Board Response:
    - Trustee Rush advised the board that the Parks and Recreation Easter Celebration was a success and would like to personally thank the board members who attended as well as the Police Department and Fire Department. Rush requested a big hand of applause to the new Parks and Recreation volunteers.
    - Trustee Honey discussed work being completed (Phase II) at the park by Hotshots are doing a fantastic job with the park. Encourages the board to stop by the park to see the fantastic job that is being done.
    - Trustee Oddy discussed meeting with EGLE regarding the wetland project on Judd Road and is still gathering information. Oddy recommended that the board consider a 12-month moratorium on any proposed wetland banks, or any existing or changes to the wetland banks. Oddy requested a motion by the board.
13. New Business:
    A. Motion by Bowman supported by Rush to approve the temporary part-time status of the Clerk Assistant, Gabriella Massel; 60 days from May 23, 2025
    Yay: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.
    B. Motion by Bowman supported by LaPorte to approve the purchase of (1) Ford Interceptor w/extended warranty for the Police Department under FY 2025-26 budget at a total cost of $50,360.00
    Roll Call Vote: Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion Carried.
    C. **ADDED** Motion by Bowman supported by Patterson to approve the appointment of Nicole Van Assche to the Planning Commission with her term to expire 11/14/2027.
    Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion Carried.
    D. **ADDED** Motion by Oddy supported by Rush to approve a 12-month moratorium on any proposed wetland banks, or any existing or changes to the wetland banks. Direct Township Attorney Young to research wetland ordinances and create a draft ordinance for the Township Board, so that the board can address the issue on the Judd Road wetland project.
    Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion Carried.
14. **Announcements**:
    - LaPorte made an announcement: There will be a clean-up day at Banotai Park on April 26, 2025 from 10:00am-2:00pm.
    - Oddy made an announcement: Butterfly Park looks good after clearing of the brush.
    - Patterson made an announcement: Would like to consider a phase III for areas that missed by previous tree contractors for removing of tree stumps in the parks.
15. **Adjournment:** Motion by Bowman, supported by Rush to adjourn at 7:02pm.
    All in favor. Nay: none. Motion Carried.

Donald LaPorte, Clerk

Minutes prepared by:
Debbie Nogle
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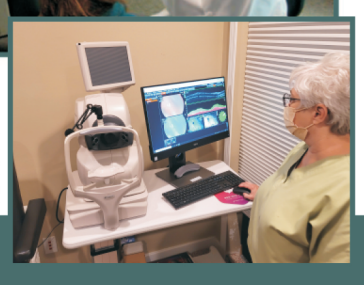

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